

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 44-66 are pending in the application, with claims 44, 51, 58, and 59 being the independent claims. New claims 60-66 are sought to be added. Claim 59 is sought to be amended. Claims 6-8, 10-12, 14, 15, and 35 were previously cancelled, and claims 1-5, 9, 13, 16-34, and 36-43 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the canceled and amended claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In reply to the Office Action dated September 1, 2009, requesting an election of one Group to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, represented by previously pending claims 44-59. Also, new claims 60-66 fall within the subject matter of Group II, depend, respectively, from claims 44 and 51, and should also be examined. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or subject matter disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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